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April 7, 2022

The Honorable Brad Wenstrup
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RE: Hamilton County Justice Center Security Improvements Project

Dear Representative Wenstrup:

It is our pleasure to express our full support for the Hamilton County Justice Center Security Improvement Project.

As the Board of County Commissioners for Hamilton County, our number one priority and responsibility is ensuring the safety of the public. The Hamilton County Justice Center serves as the primary jail facility for the County – serving the needs of approximately 820,000 residents. The facility is a 12-story correctional facility constructed in 1985 and which currently houses approximately 1,200 inmates on a daily basis. The Board and the County Sheriff have no greater priority than ensuring that this facility can be operated in a safe and secure manner for our general public, the 476 staff and corrections officers serving in the facility and the inmates housed in the Justice Center.

The general public of Hamilton County has made it known, on several occasions, that they expect the County to live within its means and continue the operations of the current Justice Center facility. As such, the Board and Sheriff continually prioritize critical maintenance needs of the facility which total in excess of \$50 million over the next five years. As you can understand, our focus is placed heavily on those improvements that maintain safety for the public and our staff.

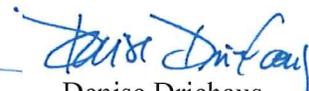
The projects identified in our funding request are each critical to the overall security of the Justice Center. The project involves the replacement of perimeter security doors, the installation of perimeter security cameras, the upgrading of security access to an area housing critical IT infrastructure and which is located in a high-traffic inmate area of the jail, and the replacement of racking supporting servers in this secured area.

Each of these project elements will allow the County to significantly improve or maintain the critical security features of the Justice Center. We wish to thank you for your consideration of these projects and for extending this opportunity for federal-local partnership in the area of public safety.

Sincerely,


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April 8, 2022

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RE: Hamilton County Justice Center Security Improvements Project

Dear Representative Wenstrup:

I respectfully request your support for capital improvements to the Hamilton County Justice Center. The Justice Center is the third largest jail in Ohio. It provides food, clothing, and shelter, as well as medical and mental health care to more than twenty five thousand inmates annually. Moreover, the Justice Center employs approximately three hundred fifty uniformed corrections officers and over one hundred civilians. The Justice Center is critical to maintaining order in our region and it needs significant capital improvements.

I would be grateful for your support of the following critical needs of the Justice Center:

- 1) Sallyport replacement. This project will replace the large, metal doors that are the only entrance and exit for motor vehicles to the Justice Center. The doors have rusted and are deteriorated from decades of use. The replacement of these doors is a significant security need for the Justice Center because this is the access point for subjects in custody to enter intake of the Justice Center;
- 2) Updating server racks in control rooms. Currently, the servers are not secure inside control rooms. Critical security and data network equipment is exposed and vulnerable to tampering. The servers must be on racks that are tamper-proof and locked;
- 3) Installation of exterior, perimeter security cameras. These cameras are a significant and critical security need because the cameras will deter inmates and contacts of inmates from attempting to exchange drugs and contraband, and will record activities occurring on the perimeter of the jail;

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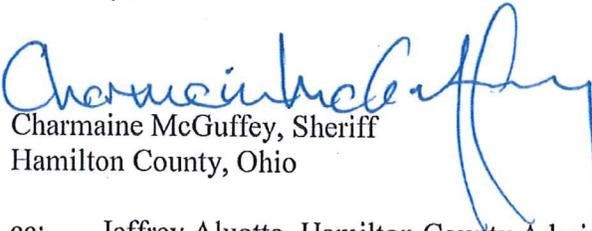
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- 4) Upgrade access control to Sheriff's server room. The Sheriff's server room houses all critical servers for Justice Center operating systems. This upgrade will create an electronic access point that tracks when specific people enter the server room so that the Sheriff's Office can track who has been in and out of the server room and at what time.

Representative Wenstrup, I am very grateful for your support of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Your support of these projects will allow the Justice Center to continue to be a bulwark against crime and disorder in Southwest Ohio.

Sincerely,



Charmaine McGuffey, Sheriff
Hamilton County, Ohio

cc: Jeffrey Aluotto, Hamilton County Administrator, Board of County Commissioners